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MEMORANDUM FOR Army National Guard State/Territory G3s and Senior Enlisted Leaders

SUBJECT: FY13 United States/United Kingdom/Germany (US/UK/GE) Reserve NCO Foreign Exchange Program

1. References:

- a. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 1215.15 and 5530.3.
 - b. Office of the Secretary of Defense-Reserve Affairs (OSD-RA) Country Specific Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).
2. The ARNG Operations Division (OD) is soliciting applications for the FY13 iteration of the OSD-RA reciprocal US/UK/GE Reserve NCO Foreign Exchange Program.
3. The US/UK NCO Foreign Exchange Program is an annual event exchanging 50 NCOs (ranks E5 to E9) from ARNG units with NCOs from the United Kingdom Territorial Army (UKTA). The US/GE NCO Exchange Program is an annual event exchanging eight senior NCOs (ranks E6 to E9) from ARNG units with NCOs from the German Army (GE). The programs are intended to increase understanding of allied nation forces, build partnership capacity, and improve joint interoperability.
4. ARNG-ODO-Y will fund States/Territories with the necessary pay, allowances, travel, and per-diem for selected NCOs. An Overseas Deployment Training (ODT) line number will be issued in the Army Training Information Management System (ARTIMS) for each State's deployment listed under "HQ, STARC".
5. NCOs selected to participate in an exchange are required to perform their regularly scheduled Annual Training (AT) with their unit in addition to the 16-day exchange. ARNG NCOs will host UKTA/GE NCOs in the US during the ARNG NCO's regularly scheduled AT period. During a different two-week AT period, the ARNG NCOs will be hosted by the UKTA/GE at their regularly scheduled training in the United Kingdom/Germany. All exchanges will take place between the months of May through September 2013.
6. Nominations. States/Territories interested in nominating top NCOs must consolidate, prioritize, and submit complete electronic applications (see enclosure) to

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the point of contact listed in paragraph 11 **NLT 11 January 2013**. At a minimum, interested States/Territories should nominate two participants, preferably from the same unit, and two alternates. Individual applications will not be considered for the exchange program if they are not processed through the State/Territory Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ). There is no limit on the number of Soldiers who can apply for the exchanges. Opportunities are available for all Military Occupation Specialties (MOSs).

7. Selection priority is given to traditional M-Day Soldiers. ARNG-ODO-Y will publish exchange selections to States/Territories NLT 25 February 2013.

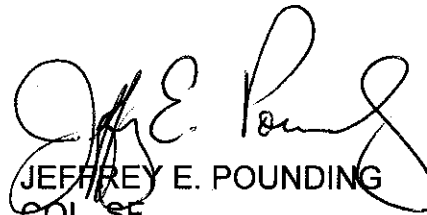
8. Selected NCOs are required to attend a mandatory Exchange Orientation Conference tentatively scheduled for 13 April 2013 at the ARNG Professional Education Center (PEC) in Little Rock, Arkansas. Travel dates for the conference are 12 and 14 April. ARNG-ODO-Y will fully fund conference attendance. Full-time State/Territory exchange coordinators with several exchange participants are encouraged to attend the conference. Information regarding exchange funding, coordination, training highlights, travel arrangements, packing lists, etc. will be disseminated at the conference. In addition, UKTA exchange program managers will brief US participants on all aspects of the US/UK exchange. ARNG-ODO-Y personnel will brief US participants on all aspects of the US/GE exchange.

9. ARNG-ODO-Y will disseminate Exchange Orientation Conference funding instructions to participating States NLT 15 March 2013.

10. Additional information on the US/UK/GE exchange program can be found on the OSD-RA website located at: <http://ra.defense.gov/programs/rtm/rofep.html>.

11. Point of contact is MAJ Mike Seek, EUCOM Theater Action Officer, Security Cooperation Branch (ARNG-ODO-Y), at 703-601-6997, DSN 312-329-6997, or michael.seek@us.army.mil.

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FY13 US/UK/GE Exchange Application


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